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EPA File No. 11D-15-R3

Ms. Melinda Bolling
Acting Director
D.C. Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs
1100 Fourth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: Referral of Administrative Complaint

Dear Ms. Bolling:

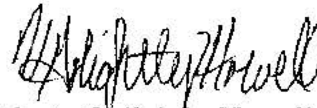
This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) received an administrative complaint from a Southeast D.C. resident (Complainant) living in an apartment complex owned by the Winn Companies on June 8, 2015. The OCR is referring the complaint to the D.C. Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) for appropriate action, as it raises allegations that the OCR is unable to address.

The complaint generally alleges that Winn Companies is discriminating against the Complainant based on the Complainant's age, disability, and sex. The complaint further alleges that Winn Companies has committed discriminatory act(s) by failing to remedy numerous unsafe and unsanitary living conditions to which the Complainant is allegedly subjected.

Since Winn Companies is neither an applicant for nor recipient of EPA financial assistance under the EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 7, this complaint does not fall within the OCR's jurisdiction. As a result, the EPA must reject it for investigation. However, we believe the DCRA, and more specifically the Housing Code Inspection Division, may be able to examine and/or address the allegations presented in it. We have notified the Complainant that the subject complaint has been forwarded to the DCRA and provided the DCRA's contact information.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Jonathan Stein of the OCR External Compliance Program at (202) 564-2088, via electronic mail at stein.jonathan@epa.gov, or by mail at U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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